

# ANAS ÆGYPTIACA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* lamelloso-dentatum, convexum, obtusum.

*Lingua* ciliata, obtusa.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 194.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ANAS flavo-ferruginea, fusco-undulata, speculo alari candido, fascia nigra.

ANAS ÆGYPTIACA. A. rostro subcylindrico, corpore undulato, vertice albo, speculo alari albo fascia nigra.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 197.

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Elegantem hanc speciem, in variis Africanis partibus generatam, abundantius alere dicitur Ægyptus. In Angliam jam olim illata est; commendatque eam tam venustas quam cicur et mansuetum ingenium. In avium numero est quarum imaginibus adornare soliti sunt antiqui Ægyptii sacras sculpturas; in obeliscis nonnullis præcipue notabilis, quos, inter alia vetera monumenta in Museo Britannico jam asservatos, a Gallis nuperrime eripuerunt celeberrimi nostri bellici ductores qui in Ægypto militarunt.

Magnitudo avis eadem fere est atque anseris communis.







THE  
EGYPTIAN GOOSE.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* broad and flattened; the edges marked with sharp lamellæ.

*Tongue* broad and ciliated at the edges.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Yellowish-ferruginous GOOSE, with brown undulations, and white wing-coverts crossed by a black bar.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE.

*Lath. syn.* 3. p. 453.

L'Oye d'Egypte.

*Buff.* 9. p. 79.

*Pl. Enl.* 379. 982. 983.

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This elegant species is found in several parts of Africa, and is said to be particularly plentiful in Egypt. In our own country it is often seen in a domestic state, and is highly esteemed on account of its agreeable appearance. It is one of those birds

which were frequently represented among the sacred sculptures of the ancient Egyptians, and is particularly observable on some obelisks lately brought from Egypt by our celebrated countrymen, and now deposited in the British Museum.